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Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking FRA-1999-6439-1467
Draft Environmental Impact Statement FRA-1999-6440-272

We would wish proportionate consideration would be given to the many people residing near trains compared to the few people who would choose to illegally attempt to beat trains by ignoring or disobeying bells and gates,

The older downtown areas of our nation, usually built along the train, are attempting to remake themselves to compete with the malls and are starting to have great success. With the proposed unnecessary intrusion of train horns, how can we expect this to continue.

We feel those with driving privileges are considered adults and should be treated as such. The way of life of thousands of people should not be sacrificed for a possible few.

Sincerely,



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